

Join Us for Our Member Appreciation Event!

We hope you can join us for KEC's Member Appreciation Event on Saturday, September 7, 2019, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Bluegrass Park in Coeur d'Alene at 6071 N. Courcelles Pkwy. Join us for a free BBQ lunch, ice cream and gifts, as well as these fun activities for the whole family:

- Inflatable bouncers and slides
- Safety demonstrations
- Bucket truck rides
- Music with a DJ
- Photo booth



If you have any questions please contact us at kec@kec.com or 208.765.1200.



Trust Board Awards Recent Operation Round Up® Grants

The Kootenai Electric Trust Board recently awarded the second quarter 2019 Operation Round Up® grants to the following organizations:

- \$2,500 to Athol Elementary Parents and Teachers United (PTU) to help purchase new playground equipment for students.
- \$2,500 to Trinity Group Homes for their community and life skills training classes for residents with severe and persistent mental illnesses.
- \$2,452 to North Idaho STEM Charter Academy Music Department to purchase a classroom set of ukuleles for students.
- \$2,361 to Borah Elementary School to help purchase new gym seating.
- \$1,950 to St. Luke's Jubilee Ministries for the Community Bike Project.
- \$1,826 to Greensferry Elementary School to purchase art supplies for students.
- \$1,200 to The Village at Orchard Ridge to purchase two reclining shower chairs.
- \$1,000 to Gizmo-CDA for the TeraViks First Robotics team.
- \$1,000 to Christ the King Lutheran Church to purchase a transplanting system for their community garden.
- \$900 to the Rathdrum/Westwood Historical Society to make various improvements to the old Kootenai County Jail Museum.

The next grant applications are due October 25, 2019 at the KEC office. Applications are available at the KEC office or www.kec.com.

MORE than a utility. A LIFELINE.

OPERATION ROUND UP®

When neighbors are in need, we take action through Operation Round Up® grants. Last year, 27 local non-profits and community groups received \$60,257 to help with everything from energy payment assistance to various health care and school programs.

Participating in Operation Round Up® is easy. The average monthly member contribution is 50 cents and together our members have generated more than \$1.1 million since November 2002, and it's made a world of difference. See how you can start contributing on the next page.

Grants are awarded to local non-profit organizations including schools, food banks, senior centers and more. Grants are reported quarterly in the newsletter and at www.kec.com. You may also visit KEC's YouTube channel to watch videos on recent grants. Members who choose not to contribute to Operation Round Up® or who would like to begin contributing may simply opt out or opt in on their bill or contact KEC by phone, letter or email.

KEC also helps local students pay for college. We have supported more than 140 students with \$160,000 in college scholarships over the last 13 years. These scholarships help educate and strengthen our community.

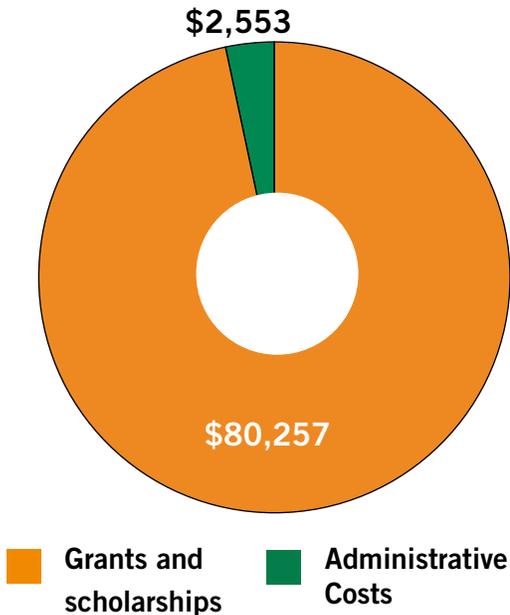
Trust Board pictured below (from left): Kathleen Barrett, District 4; Connie McGee, District 3; Fred Muhs, District 5; Cheri Zao, District At-Large; Jessica Bacon Wourms, District 2; and Tom Craig Zajicek, Vice Chair, District At-Large. (Not pictured: Susan Meyer, Secretary/Treasurer, District 1.)



“Small change to most, but the collective result really adds up—to more than \$1,100,000.”

2018 OPERATION ROUND UP® ANNUAL REPORT

2018 ACTIVITIES COLLECTED FUNDS: \$84,312



**Independent Accountant's Report
Conducted by Magnuson, McHugh &
Company, P.A.**

A sampling of 2018 grants:

- \$7,500 to KEC's Project Share program. These funds are available to KEC members who qualify for help paying their energy bills.
- \$2,500 to the Post Falls Senior Center for the Meals on Wheels program and to purchase chairs.
- \$2,500 to Idaho Drug Free Youth to support services that increase drug prevention skills and awareness for North Idaho students.
- \$2,500 to the Rathdrum Senior Center to purchase a regulator for a stove gas line, batteries for electric wheelchairs and parking lot striping.
- \$2,400 to Spirit Lake Seniors to purchase tables to provide meals each week at the center.
- \$1,707 to the Ramsey Magnet School of Science to purchase 15 musical instruments.
- \$1,500 to the Panhandle Symphony Orchestra to help cover the cost of a free concert at Lake City High School.
- \$1,500 to K2 Equestrian Center, which provides equine therapy, to purchase equipment for sensory integration.

- \$1,500 to the Hayden Lake Rotary Club to help purchase safety equipment for the crosswalk at Hayden Meadows Elementary.
- \$1,500 to the Kootenai Environmental Alliance to provide summer day camps for families and youth. The day camps give participants an opportunity to spend time in the natural areas of North Idaho.
- \$1,000 to Parents Reaching Out to Parents to help families who have a child with disabilities in times of emergencies.

Are You 'Rounding Up' Your KEC Bill?

If not, we need your help and are holding a contest to encourage more member participation in the Operation Round Up® program. Each month, KEC "rounds up" the electric bills of participating members to the next highest dollar. The donations are placed in the Kootenai Electric Trust and a volunteer board of members (see photo at left) determines how to allocate the funds. Grants are awarded to local non-profit organizations, including schools, food banks, senior centers and more.

Here's how the contest works: start "rounding up" your KEC bill. You can do this one of a few ways: log in to your KEC SmartHub account and click under the Billing and Payments tab. You may also contact us at kec@kec.com or 208.765.1200 to round up your bill each month. **If you sign up by October 31, 2019, we'll enter you into a drawing for one of two \$50 Visa gift cards.** Already "rounding up" your bill? Thank you! You will automatically be entered into the drawings. Winners will be announced in the December 2019 newsletter.

SAFETY NEAR SOLAR

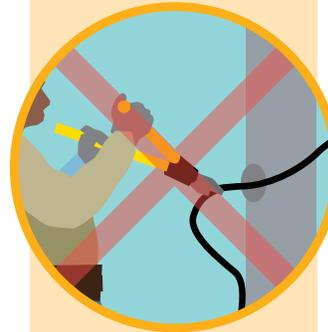
Like any other source of electricity, solar panels can pose potential hazards. Keep these safety tips in mind when you're near solar panels.



Avoid contact with solar panels while in use.



Never walk on solar panels.



Never cut any wiring to the solar panels.



Never touch broken or damaged solar panels.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The KEC office will be closed on Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day.

POWER OUTAGE REMINDERS

Power outages may be reported using KEC's SmartHub app or by calling 877.744.1055. Members may receive power outage updates a few ways:

- Visit www.kec.com to view our outage map.
- Visit KEC's Facebook page.
- Sign up for KEC's free text or email alerts. You can receive your outage updates by either text message or email. Please be aware power outage alerts are sent out 24/7 and some cell phone providers charge for text messages. To sign up, register or log in to your SmartHub account at www.kec.com or download the SmartHub app and set your preferences.

EARLY DISCOUNTED CAPITAL CREDITS

This month, qualifying members will receive information in the mail about the Early Discounted Capital Credit program. This program allows eligible members the choice to either receive the current value of their 2018 capital credits this year or to receive a full retirement in the future. When you select the

option to participate in the program, you will receive a credit on your November billing statement for the current value of your contribution to the cooperative last year. If you'd rather wait and let your capital credits mature to their full value, you can do that too. The choice is yours—just call 208.765.1200 or email capitalcredits@kec.com to make your selection by October 4, 2019. An election to participate or not participate in this program is made by the KEC member account holder on a voluntary basis. Members may opt in or opt out of the program at any time by contacting us at capitalcredits@kec.com or 208.765.1200.

WIN A \$50 ENERGY CREDIT

Below are 10 KEC account numbers. If you find yours contact us at 208.765.1200 to receive a \$50 bill credit. 1837941, 1259801, 1841011, 1287107, 1833482, 1315382, 1840981, 1455612, 1733620 1303611.

KEC BOARD MEETINGS

Members are welcome to attend monthly board meetings. Meeting dates vary—please call Constance Felten at 208.292.3211 for details.